IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Examiner: Mohammad Y. Meah, Ph.D.
SHIN-ICHI HASHIMOTO, ET AL.	
Application No.: 10/590,705	: Group Art Unit: 1652
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: